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# TONGUES OF FIRE

From the World's Evangelization Crusade on Apostolic Principles.

"Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you . . . and be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth."

"There appeared . . . tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them."

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## Tongues of Fire

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## Editorial.

### REVIEW OF THE YEAR 1897.

ONCE more the sun has completed its annual circuit. Thank God, He beholds this movement a distance of *three hundred and sixty-five day's journey* in advance of where He beheld it last year at this time. On New Year's of 1897 we hoisted the flag at midnight, with the word "VICTORY" upon it. It has been a year of conquest. We have gone on with God. We see shipwrecks on the right and on the left, but blessed be His holy name, our great Pilot has safely guided our craft through dangers seen and unseen. We have met some tremendous seas, but through the sustaining power of the Holy Ghost have ridden triumphantly over every one, and find ourselves this New Year's morning with every sail set and filled with glory unspeakable, sweeping on to wider conquests.

The first great victory of the year was the completion of Shiloh, and the payment of every expense incur-

red in its erection. The second remarkable victory is related by Brother Gleason in this issue, the rapid completion and dedication within eight weeks, of the temple in Auburn, free of debt, at an expense of about \$2700. The third and crowning triumph of the year has been the laying of the foundation walls for two buildings (each 40 x 60 ft.),—one to be used in the interests of the sick, and the other in the interest of the children's work. We prayed for them Aug. 18th, and by Christmas Day they were both finished and paid for. The walls are nine feet high. The stones were all taken from the farm, and thus the improvement of the land was secured, and the expense of laying these massive foundations was less than \$1200. The full history of the foundation walls of the stone building, and the beautiful corner stone laid amid Christmas joy and gladness furnish what we all feel to be the *richest victories* of the year; but we reserve the publication of the same for the time of dedication. So much for outward undertakings.

During the spring term, the School became acquainted with the God of the New Testament, as we studied the lives and works of the apostles. During the fall term we met and worshiped the God of the Old Testament. In October we began the stupendous task of the consecutive study of the entire Bible during the School year. The Spirit has marvelously opened up the Pentateuch, the books of Joshua, Judges and Ruth. God only knows the awe that has fallen upon us, one and all, as the Holy Ghost has opened up the Scriptures, and revealed to us the great, the mighty Jehovah of the past, as being present in our midst. Enoch is not the only man who walks with God, nor Ruth the only woman to forsake her blood relationship and worship the God of Israel.

God is becoming real to the people on the earth once more, and His movings during 1897 have been unmistakable. Both saint and sinner acknowledge this. About four score persons have been baptized, a little more than half of whom have been baptized by Brother Gleason in the work in Auburn. The evangelistic work for two seasons has of necessity been neglected for the purpose of erecting Shiloh, a place where evangelists



might be trained to go out and do this kind of labor.

There have been some very striking answers to prayer for the sick, even though the sufferers were at a distance at the time of prayer. We hope (D. V.) 'ere another year shall pass by, to have a building devoted to their special interests.

The camp meeting in August was characterized through the entire convention, by the Spirit of the God-given subject "OVERCOMERS." The convention in Auburn during the summer vacation was blessedly used of God in the explanation and reception of truth by saint and sinner. The Annual convention at Durham in September was emphatically a convention of prayer. Other minor conventions have been used and blessed of God in the special deepening of spiritual life in believers.

God has kept us true this year, as truly as in the former years since this movement arose, to *quality* rather than *quantity*. There seems to be an utter disregard for popularity, an intense burning zeal rather to be popular with God Almighty. Satan in a desire to poison public opinion, has thrown out some of his blackest lies, but God has met his base falsehoods with such startling miracles, that it seems sometimes as if even the devil himself would be compelled to stop and wonder.

From the north, south, east and west there is a deep undercurrent of settled conviction among even our enemies that God is in our midst. Among the saints throughout the land is springing up a great joy in the fact that God is actually visiting His people once again. We can truly say that God has been honored, and humanity blessed by the well-nigh unceasing prayer and giant faith which have characterized this movement during 1897.

#### OUTLOOK FOR 1898.

ONE year ago, the great central thought as we floated our flag to the breeze at midnight was, Victory. This year as we wait around the altar during the closing moments of '97 and beginning of '98, victory seems something far beneath that which our God is revealing to us for the future year. The New Year's message last year was, "Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold your King cometh." This year He says, "Go ye out to meet him." Instead of VICTORY it is THE VICTOR. How small the things of earth seem as imagination pictures the scene. Hallelujah! it shall be a year of preparing to meet Him. Our hearts leap at the thought. The coming of the Lord hasteth greatly to meet us. Somehow this year we find it hard to write about *things*. We prefer to talk about GOD. The "Everlasting Father" is not far away; the "Prince of Peace" may appear any moment upon the scenes of earth. Meanwhile, the great mighty Counsellor, the Holy Ghost, is preparing us for the bridal morn. Oh, what a day that will be! The King! the King! the King! joy dances in the heart as we write. The King is coming. In order to meet

Him we must go out of humanity into divinity. Successive shades of the self life must fall like snow flakes, leaving us with less and less attraction for the things of earth. Correspondingly we must enrobe ourselves more and more with the things of divinity, becoming partakers of the divine nature through the great and precious promises, till the moment comes when we shall be caught up, UP, UP to meet HIM. Then amid the tremendous scenes of Revelation, this earth will receive the sovereign reign of Him, whose right it is to rule, and from the river to the ends of the earth, His name shall be great among the Gentiles.

Thus the Outlook for 1898 is to be an UPLOOK.

#### ONE YEAR OF UNCEASING PRAYER.

WE have long felt there was to be a time when Shiloh would be filled with those who should pray day and night for God's people and work throughout the world. Our blessed Lord has at last revealed it as His will that 1898 should really be a year in which the Scriptural injunction, "pray without ceasing," should be literally fulfilled. Accordingly New Year's night, one of the students went into the Upper Room in the tower, and continued all night in prayer for God's interests on earth. At six o'clock A. M. another Epaphras relieved the first and continued in prayer until mid-day. This student was in turn relieved by a third, who after six hours of supplication was relieved by a fourth. Thus day and night, whether others sleep or wake, some one student is to continue in prayer throughout the three hundred and sixty-five days of the present year. The atmosphere of the household has already remarkably changed, and as one troubled business man wrote us "Oh, I am so glad that someone is in that tower praying for us all the time." May the startling fact that in this movement there is to be one entire year of continuous prayer, comfort the hearts of the troubled, give courage to the fainthearted, arouse to Christian activity the lukewarm, and pray the everlasting gospel to the very ends of the earth.

This subject is of vital importance to the great Intercessor in yonder heaven, who "ever liveth to make intercession for us." Thank God that the Holy Ghost within the temple of the human body, who likewise "maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God," has at last found a movement through which He can pray unceasingly and in unity with the glorified Lord above. Beloved, these "Two agree," and Father has agreed to do the rest. The only time when the machinery of heaven is silenced by God Almighty, is when the prayers of the saints arise in incense before the throne, while He listens to what His people have to say. Rev. 8: 1-5. Thank God that since "the odours" which "fill the golden vials are the prayers of saints" Rev. 5: 8, this year of prayer is to make even heaven sweeter than it otherwise would be.



## A MISTAKE.

WE STATED in the last number, under Special Christmas Offer, that to any person ordering before Jan. 1, we would send the entire set of our publications, together with a bundle of our tracts (the value of which at regular price would be \$4.50) for the sum of \$2.00. The entire value would be \$4.00 instead of \$4.50.

We have been unable to get the singing books in time to include it in the special offer, but they will be forwarded by mail later.

## WHY THE SINGING BOOKS DO NOT COME.

LAST November we shipped over six hundred books to Boston, to be gilt-edged, expecting them back within a few days. We have waited all this time and Dec. 18 received the following note which, to say the least, is far from encouraging. "We are exceedingly busy with Christmas goods and will try to send part, if not all, next week."

We are very sorry for the long delay but of course we cannot send the books until they are returned to us. They will be sent as soon as possible after their arrival. The regular price of the singing book is 25 cents, when sent by mail 30 cents.

P. S. The books arrived today, Jan 3, and will be mailed at once.

## HISTORY OF THE TEMPLE AT AUBURN.

ONE day as the tent season was drawing to a close, Bro. Solomon and myself looked out the only available hall in the city beside the little Mission room. It was a filthy, unkept place and our whole beings revolted at the thought of the "Church of the living God" at Auburn ever occupying that as a meeting place. We got into a team and like Abraham drove off not knowing whither we went. Guided, unknown to ourselves by the unseen hand of God, we finally arrived at Bro. Hackett's, in Lewiston, where the other workers were stopping. As we talked the situation over and especially the need of a large hall for our meetings, like a flash the Holy Ghost caused it to dawn over the soul of each that God wanted us to have a new building, in which the many prayers we had prayed for Auburn could be answered. I was as sure of a building that moment as I was when it was dedicated with bills all paid. "GOD SAID" and we knew it would be "so."

That evening we asked God for His direction and claimed of Him the needed money. He put His seal upon the undertaking that night by giving us the first five dollars. There followed days of waiting, praying,

and listening to see how God was going to move. Some at this time began to get fearful and fainthearted. The purchase of a tent costing a little over a hundred dollars had seemed to the saints the past summer a thing well nigh impossible. Now the thought of buying a lot and erecting a building *with no funds*, and all to be done before cold weather, seemed like a mountain miles higher than any of the Himalayas. But like Napoleon who refused to recognize the Alps as any mountains at all, we moved forward. In our haste, God made us go slow. Not a move did we dare make until He moved. Some got impatient and gave the whole thing up, but at last God Himself began to rise. As a result we received a check of three hundred dollars toward the lot. Then more followed and we began to think about laying the corner stone. I began to covet from God that it might take place Sept. 25th, just two years from the time I had received the Holy Ghost. Some five or six days before that date God gave the assurance that it might be so. We all knelt and claimed together that God would move every mountain, annihilate every difficulty, and bring in the necessary funds that this miracle might take place. Accordingly we acted as if we expected our prayers answered and ordered a corner stone of granite with "Sept. 25, 1897" on one end and on the face the beautiful verse which God gave us, "Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a *tried* stone, A PRECIOUS CORNER STONE, a SURE foundation." Never will I forget the three days that followed. But never was God more real and never did He whisper such messages of cheer and comfort as then. How He, the precious Holy Ghost rung in my ears, one early morning, these words, "I will go before thee and make the crooked places straight: I will *break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron!*" I fairly lived on that message that day. It was no mere figure to me. The gates of brass and the bars of iron were REALLY THERE. How good God was those days and how thoughtful for His own!

The next morning right straight from the throne came, "They shall fight against thee; but *they shall not prevail against thee.*" And then to show me why they should not, He said, "for I am with thee, saith Jehovah, to *deliver* thee." What these verses meant to the soul of the writer no one knows but He who has been on the shore of the Red Sea with mountains on the right and mountains on the left and Pharaoh's host thundering on in the rear.

It is now Saturday morning and the corner stone is to be laid at 4 P. M. God now surprises us. He is leading us by a way we know not. By His Spirit and by His providences He leads us to a lot with many advantages over the one we at first felt was the one. It costs six hundred dollars, but we only have about five hundred and twenty-five. "God is faithful," and along came a seventy-five dollar check, all the way from Massachusetts just in time. The lot is bought, the corner pier built, and papers made out. It is almost four o'clock. The people are gathering in crowds. Before the Bible is placed under the stone I write in it,



for all time, the words God's Spirit had burned into my soul, "They shall fight against thee but they shall not prevail against thee." These words not only point back to the battle over the corner stone, but ahead to the battle over the city, and thence to the many conflicts all over this globe, in which JEHOVAH will prove them to be as true as in the battle that is to be ended in just a moment. It is exactly four o'clock. THE CORNER STONE IS LAID! What joy filled the hearts of the chosen few who had dared to proclaim victory the past few days in the very face of apparent defeat! One sister with tears streaming down her face gave expression to the feelings of the faithful at this hour of victory, as she said with deep emotion, "Thank God! I was true!" Mountain No. 1 has gone into the sea. Hallelujah!

With hearts filled with the spirit of victory and yet the deepest humility, we move on. Now, follow more days of listening to "hear what the Spirit saith." The lowest estimate for the cost is nineteen hundred dollars. With not more than ten dollars, I think, in our possession and, actually not knowing where another dollar is coming from but led on by our Director, we sign the contract. Our lumber dealer, who finds that "faith" is our only capital, refused to fill the order of the contractor for lumber and thus, a week's delay is caused. It is no more than we expect for He had said at the beginning "They shall fight against thee but they shall not prevail against thee." The brick piers are built, and at last the lumber arrives and the building begins to rise in the air. "And the thing was done suddenly," given us by God at the beginning, is truly fulfilled in the way the building is pushed. In fact, IT GROWS VERY MUCH FASTER THAN OUR BANK ACCOUNT but nevertheless our faith keeps pace and we insist on landing, by our faith, from God each day, money enough to pay all the bills up to date. We do business this way with God and actually pay the bills each night, as really as if the money was paid the contractor.

As we watch the proceedings each day, and see the tremendous rapidity of the work, the heavy loads of lumber constantly arriving, the large number of workmen engaged, and realize we have only a few dollars to our name, it is only as we look at JEHOVAH Himself that we can keep the cold chills from running all over our beings (spiritually). When the contract was signed, I acted up to all the light I had as to payment. I told him to put up the building to be owned by himself and not to be used by us until it was paid for and that he might have to hold it for us a time, longer or shorter, until God should give us the funds as we would not occupy it until every cent should be paid. Imagine my surprise one day when I took up Tongues of Fire and read from the pen of the editor, that the dedication was going to take place Thanksgiving Day. It looked almost like an impossibility to have the building done at that time to say nothing about FUNDS. It is almost time for the first payment of five hundred dollars to be made, and this announcement means that we must get beside this, fourteen hundred dollars more in about two weeks. "I had fainted unless I had believed to see". With-

out any planning of our own, God has put us in close quarters. We remember singing however,

"When Moses and the Israelites  
From Egypt's land did flee,  
Behind them were proud Pharaoh's host,  
In front of them the sea.  
God raised the water like a wall,  
And opened up their way;  
And the God that lived in Moses' time  
Is just the same to-day."

and we decide to trust in that same God to work a deliverance for Israel in Auburn.

The air, spiritually, at this time in the city is fairly "blue" with hatred, lies, and prejudice. We are "a theatre (margin) unto the world, and to angels, and to men;" but He whispers, "Thou shalt not be put to shame," and we are encouraged to pass on.

Wednesday, the day we claimed the five hundred dollars should come, arrives, finding us with about one hundred and fifty dollars to meet the five hundred dollars. But what REST and QUIETNESS we did have in Him. God had said "provided for" and we knew that was as good as cash. One hundred dollars comes during the day and the way the remainder of the sum was melted before the faith of the saints that night, those who were present will never forget. The next morning the five hundred dollars is paid to the contractor even before it is due, much to his satisfaction. His faith in the ability of God's servants to pay their bills must have been severely tried as day by day the encouraging (?) remarks from a scoffing public were wafted to his ears. But thank God his confidence was not mis-placed! Again, "God said . . . and it was so." Mountain No. 2 has likewise gone into the depths of the sea.

The hearts of all are now encouraged as they have twice seen the mighty victory of God. One hundred dollars a day from now till the 25th will just pay the bill. We continue the battle of faith each day, but God does not permit us to see much, except by the eye of faith. Another TONGUES OF FIRE comes out inviting "the saints scattered abroad" everywhere to come to the dedication. "What if," and "supposing," etc., try hard to lodge in our minds at this time as we think of the crowds who are to come, but in the name of Christ we cast them down and go forward.

It is now only a few days from Thanksgiving. We have in our possession only a little over two hundred dollars and Brother Sandford writes from Shiloh as to funds, "Not much here but God." So we do not dare to expect much from that source. Some of God's people now think to help Him out by hiring money on real estate as security. It seems very feasible and looks like a good way out of a tight box. Some three or four hundred dollars are coming in this way and that will help out wonderfully. We are more encouraged than ever. However about this time there appears on the scene a certain brother who has the reputation among his friends of being a "meat-axe" (spiritually). His keen eye perceives that these are not the movings of the Holy Ghost,



but are human schemes to get money in a way which "Owe no man anything" does not uphold. Accordingly with a heart that does not spare nor pity, he proceeds to tear down and break up the fond plans of the saints for getting the needed fourteen hundred dollars. How mercifully he tells us all will be a failure unless that money is counted out! Our hearts love the truth nevertheless, and our spirits bow to what He is showing us, even though we are going through a process much like *death*. It is but an answer to our own prayers that God would deliver us from any "snare of the fowler," and we accept the answer and determine to have no money except what God Himself sends us.

It is now the day before Thanksgiving. Everything looks dark and dismal to the natural eye. The ominous clouds are hanging low. It is the hour of trial for the Auburn saints. To use a plain expression, it looks as if *the bottom has dropped out of everything*. We have only two hundred and fifty dollars to pay a bill tomorrow of fourteen hundred and fifty dollars, fifty dollars being added for extras. We tell God that if He can afford to have it a wretched failure, we can. We put the responsibility on Him. With all our self efforts stilled, we wait the movings of God. As never before we settle back on His faithfulness which He had said He would not permit to lie to His own.

Thursday morning comes and we gather at the Temple. "*The Faithful God*" now steps to the front and proves Himself worthy of His name. How our hearts are melted as check after check, of which we knew nothing, is handed to us until the entire sum of fourteen hundred and fifty dollars is provided for to a cent. Mountain No. 3 has gone with its companions into the depths. Thank God the victory is won! How glad we are that we have stood the test and trusted when we could not see! How glad we are to kneel in the afternoon and invite Jehovah to come in and take up His abode in the Temple that He has built for His glory! He accepts the invitation and we know it will ever be a place where the lost can find a Saviour, where the sick may be healed, where the demonized may be liberated and where He can mightily pour out His Spirit in the closing up years of this age. Thank God He has answered our prayer for the supernatural building in which He may, through His children, do the supernatural for His own glory, for the hastening of the world's evangelization and the return of the Son of man for His Bride.

The following clippings from letters, etc., will be of interest to the reader.

A student from the Bible School handed in an envelope containing \$1.41, all she had, marked, "For the Temple at Auburn. All for Jesus."

Another brought a small box containing a one-dollar bill, a quarter, a five cent piece, three pennies and a two cent stamp, which is known to have been all he had in the world after paying his fare to Auburn. He saved fifty cents for his ticket but had it given him, so he gave the fifty cents on Thanksgiving day.

A dear saint wrote, "For the Temple in Auburn. May God multiply it one hundred fold, and will the dear brothers and sisters in Christ unite with me in claiming at least one soul for every dollar, Matt. 18: 19. \$25.00."

A letter containing twenty-six cents in stamps, read as follows: "Just a few stamps for nails for God's house from a poor crippled woman. O, pray that I may be restored to usefulness. May God bless you in your labors of love. Yours, trusting in Jesus."

Another letter from a dear one in Nova Scotia said, "I will enclose one dollar for the Temple in Auburn. No, I will send two dollars, one bill and a gold dollar which belonged to my dear departed husband, which my daughter was keeping because it was his. She thought a great deal of it. I hope the enclosed amount will be increased a hundred fold. We are praying that the required amount will come in time."

A child of God from Bethel, Me., wrote, "I wish to give one dollar to Auburn Temple. I know it is but a mite, but the Lord don't tell me to give any more now. I wish every subscriber would give that much. I believe God would abundantly bless them, or even fifty cents if they cannot give more. It is so blessed to do these little things for the Lord. Well, I am praying with the rest of the saints in Durham and Auburn, that the Temple may be dedicated Thanksgiving day free from debt. I think this granite faith you speak of must be greater than mustard seed faith, and that will remove mountains. Truly it is God's faith, and God's holy temple. O, how it does rejoice my heart to know that this everlasting gospel is spreading. Praise the Lord, the enemies of God cannot overthrow it. I don't care to hear any preaching but the truth as it is in Jesus. It is what I have so longed for and desired to hear for so many years. I should like to be at the dedication and see your shining faces."

A man of God who spent the 7th in fasting and prayer with the other saints, wrote, "The victory to come is far beyond what you expect. The money is the smallest matter in the affair, that will come as easily as if by the turn of the hand. But the battle is now between hosts in the heavenlies, and it is here that the victory is to be decisive."

A correspondent who writes a most glowing letter telling of his salvation and deliverance from the things of this world, says in regard to Auburn, "Glory, my heart goes out in prayer to God that the work in Auburn may come out victorious and the hosts of darkness be defeated, and let me say here that I believe it will, for the prayers of the saints must prevail."

Another writes, "I rejoiced to see how God sent the first five hundred dollars just in time. How I would love to be at the dedication of such a temple. No fairs, no suppers to pay the bills."

Another student had a nice pair of kid boots that had never been worn, which a shoe dealer placed in his stock, allowing her three dollars for them, to go to the Auburn fund.



"TO THE DEAR SAINTS IN AUBURN:

I do not wonder at your shouting, 'Glory to God!' What is the best of all, you could shout before the walls fell. Yes, that just suits me. I believe the angels are shouting over this victory. I have been on this road six years. *I like it. I think it is grand.* I am praising Him for the amount required to complete His glory. O, Hallelujah! Our God is Almighty. Yes, it is blessed to shout, 'Victory' with such a cloud hanging over, so long as it is for Himself and His sake. That settles it. *I had rather have it by faith than in my hand and see it.* I am so glad I believe God."

"BELOVED BROTHER:

I will not be able to be with you on Thursday. We have three days of fasting and prayer and your work with Him will be held up. We united with you all yesterday. God gave me Rom. 4: 20-22. 'He staggered not through unbelief, was strong in faith, giving glory to God,' etc. Amen! Hallelujah! 'Nothing shall be impossible unto you.' That fourteen-hundred-dollar mountain will float out into the middle of the sea, and become a light-house to others sailing on the same course. I send you two dollars for a 'nail in a sure place,' and I want you to say Hallelujah! twice for me, for if I was there I might say it twenty times (the request was faithfully complied with.) Oh, Hallelujah! the whole Bible is mine and also the One who gave it."

"Please find enclosed four dollars, two of which, Sister—sends for the Auburn church. She took in washing to earn it, although she has all one woman ought to do, to do the work of her own family. She has no income, being a poor widow, she loves the work and prays for it, and sheds Holy Ghost tears of rejoicing. When she gets Tongues of Fire, she just shouts and praises God by herself."

"As I was in prayer one day, God told me that the man whose name was the Branch should build the Temple of the Lord and He should have the glory. So you see I knew it would be so for HE SAID SO. Hallelujah! I send my mite for His Temple and trust Him to give you the 'hundred fold.'"

"Will send one dollar to you. May it bring you as many blessings as the difficulties have been to prevent our sending it."

One day a sister, unknown to myself, called me into her house and gave me a box of jewelry, which she said was very precious to her as it had belonged to her mother etc., but she wished to give it for His Temple.

The following letter from the jeweler will show God's blessing upon the act. "The old gold you sent me was not very valuable as it was all plated. There was but very little gold to it but I will send you a check for ten dollars, and try to give more before Thanksgiving."

"Enclosed please find seven dollars for the temple in Auburn. The number seven has been given me as a

sure promise that God will have His money ready to pay all claims against His temple when it is finished.

In the early morning of Sunday set apart as the time for prayer and fasting for the five hundred dollars, my blessed Lord gave me the rest of soul for the amount needed, so I was not at all surprised when I read in the last TONGUES OF FIRE that God was equal to the need. Our God is able every time and at all times, 'He will not suffer the feet of his saints to be moved' or even to slip.

The temple at Auburn is being watched by many who read TONGUES OF FIRE and will be a savour of life unto life to some in Canada who are now working on the old lines of the flesh. 'Let God arise.' Amen and Amen."

The following letter brought a great blessing to our souls.

"Three days or more ago I felt led of the Spirit to promise Father I would send you whatever money He should send me. Today He sent me within a few cents of the enclosed amount (twenty dollars.) Please accept in Jesus' name and I wish to add my best wishes and most earnest prayer for His guidance and blessing on the work and the battle in which He has placed you. 'May the very God of peace sanctify you wholly' and grant victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Praise God for His many blessings. Hallelujah! Glory! *Glory! Glory!* GLORY! GLORY! 'O clap your hands all ye people,' shout unto God with the voice of triumph. 'For the Lord Most High is terrible. He is a great king over all the earth.' 'He shall subdue the people under us and the nations under our feet.' 'He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved.' Hallelujah! I am saved. Glory to God! Praise God! *Praise God!* PRAISE GOD! My God, my Father, my King, my Teacher, my Comforter, my Savior, my Brother, three in one! Hallelujah! He in us, we in Him. Oh, Glory to God!

Yours, saved in Jesus."

The following was received Thanksgiving morning:

"While reading the Word and in prayer this morning this problem came up for solution. Shall I purchase a turkey for dinner tomorrow or would the Lord wish me to send a dollar for His tabernacle in Auburn which is to be dedicated to His service and in which His glory shall be manifested? The Holy Spirit quickly solved the problem. Here is the dollar and I am blessedly content to go without the bird. Glory to Jesus! The dear Lord fill you, Brother Sandford and the house with Himself Amen."

EXTRAS.

Beside the sum paid the contractor there have been other needs which God has blessedly supplied.

1. The contract did not include painting and so God put it in the heart of a brother to give one hundred dollars worth of labor on this line.
2. A few days before Thanksgiving the contractor



said it would be impossible to get the plastering dry for that day without heat in the building. After prayer we felt God wished us to have a furnace to aid in the drying and also later to heat the building. He provided the means and a fine furnace costing only sixty-five dollars was put in and is now doing effectual service.

3. We felt it was not God's plan for the house to be lighted by oil lamps and after praying and listening we knew it was to be gas. Much to our surprise we found the gas main came within two hundred feet of us and the gas company kindly laid the pipe to us free of charge. We find we can get the necessary plumbing and the new white burners put in for the small sum of forty-three dollars. We ask God for this sum. Ten dollars saved up for Christmas presents, five dollars given to a sister for a new dress, both of which were given for the gas show something of the self sacrifice the gas lighting represents. Another sister had one dollar with which to hire help in her window washing. She decides to give it for the gas and trust God for the needed strength to do the work alone. God provides by sending another sister who offers her services and the work is easily done.

Thank God for the beautiful light He has given us which indeed makes the building "a light to lighten the Gentiles."

4. Twice we tried unsuccessfully to get a man to make a white pulpit. However God had foreseen this need and He leads us to have the old mission pulpit fixed up, painted white, covered with beautiful old gold plush and

"GRANITE FAITH"

"TILL I COME."

across the front, made of beautifully carved letters, the former of granite color, the later in gold, making the pulpit an object of real beauty.

5. Feeling that God wished us to buy a flag, we made a beginning by cutting a joyce. Then a brother paints it, furnishes the necessary irons, gilds the ball with gold leaf, puts on the rope and finally hangs it on the building for us "as unto the Lord." Next a few of the sisters ask as a special favour if they cannot buy and make the flag for us. The result is a beautiful white flag Thanksgiving Day with letters of dark blue spelling "VICTORY" which waves to the breeze and proclaims in the morning the triumph we know is to be ours ere the day closes.

6. Two mottoes made of gilt match the gold trimmings on the white pulpit and white chairs for the platform and add to the beauty of the house. "BE THOU EXALTED O GOD ABOVE THE HEAVENS AND THY GLORY ABOVE ALL THE EARTH" is across the end and back of the pulpit "THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, THE PILLAR AND GROUND OF THE TRUTH."

These little additions speak to us as loudly of His faithfulness as does the building itself.

Truly we can answer in the affirmative to the following question in the Scripture, "He that spared not

his own Son but delivered him for us all, how shall he not with him freely give us all things?"

#### PRAYER FOR THE SICK IS ANSWERED.

Among others the following request was remembered in the afternoon service.

DEAR BROTHER:-

Will you request the prayers of the saints Thursday for the young lady who has taken care of Lora. Her eyesight has failed her and she has had to go home. One eye she cannot see out of at all. It is badly inflamed and the sight seems affected. Oh, it will bring glory to Jesus' name for her to be healed AT ONCE. Will you all pray for this and that she may be perfectly restored and come back to me all well? I want Jesus to make her eyesight PERFECT."

The following answer was received a little later.

DEAR BROTHER:

The young lady I asked your prayers for is nearly well. Nov. 27th the swelling was nearly all gone and the sight returned. I do praise Jesus and give Him the glory for I felt it was something serious. Surely the prayers of the righteous avail much. I know He has done the work. She commenced to be better Thursday the day I asked you to pray for her. My heart was full of rejoicing Thursday, praising Him for what He had done."

Thank God for the splendid string of victories and widespread blessings connected with the Temple of the Living God in Auburn.

#### NEW YEAR'S MESSAGES

From the Students of the Bible School.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

M. E. A.

"God is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him."

M. E. T.

Let the Lord be glorified this year in your lives, for consider the great things He has done for you.

N. D. T.

Greater things farther on.

R. C. A.

They that trust in Jehovah (this year) cannot be moved.

W. C. P.

Take Christ with you into every trial and fiery furnace—result—Victory for 1898.

C. M. T.

Dear people of God, "Forgetting those things which are behind," let us reach forth unto those things which are before and "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling." So shall we meet His desire for this year and satisfy His great heart of love.

F. H. C.

God wants absolute separation from all but Himself which alone will bring the hundred fold blessing. Matt. 19: 29.

M. B.

The message God has given me for you is, "Be not overcome . . . but OVERCOME." May He put within you a determination to come up to nothing short of the best thing, thus making 1898 the best year of your life.

R. V. E.



Use every moment to hasten the coming of our Lord, "Redeeming the time for the days are evil." Eph. 5: 16. G. E. H.

God wants Christian *doing*, Christian endeavoring does not satisfy Him. F. B. S.

As the coming of Jesus approaches, His Bride may expect, this year, increased suffering in the combat with increased wickedness; but "if we suffer with him we shall also reign with him." A. K. G.

Anything to get the King back. O. A. M.

In every trial which comes to you this year remember that our great High Priest was "touched with the feeling of our infirmities" "being tempted" yet "without sin." E. S.

"He that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land and shall inherit my holy mountain." E. E. W.

Eph. 1: 21, 12 "*Far above all*" and "hath put *all* things under our feet." God gave me this promise for this year and I praise Him for it. I take from Him that He will make it true in the lives of all His children. I. G. M.

Remember "Ye are complete in him." The lack in our lives has a corresponding fullness in Christ. Let us boldly enter into our possessions during '98. F. G. W.

No New Year's resolutions to be broken, but a simple dependence on the Holy Ghost for the coming year. "I have laid help on One who is mighty." Ps. 89: 19. C. M.

Place yourself in the care of the great Holy Ghost and really trust Him, in spite of all the power of the enemy, to work out his very highest plan for you in the coming year. E. M. P.

Cease fretting and "rest in the Lord." This will make 1898 a year of *peace*. L. R.

God Himself wants to be exalted in your life this year. Be still before Him that He may make Himself known. Ps 46: 10. E. J. R.

God has made it so real to me this year that it is only in quietness and confidence in Himself that we shall hasten back our Bridegroom. H. L. D.

I praise the Lord we can get encouragement from every trial and temptation this year. They are only *indications* of good things God has just ahead if we are true to Him in the test. M. H. R.

As I looked back over the past year and realized the many times God had taken me through trials that seemed more than I could bear, and then looked into the coming year and knew it would bring hotter fires" God gave me these words "When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee, and through the rivers they *shall not* overflow thee." C. S. H.

Jesus said, "Ask, and ye shall receive that your joy may be full." Take Him at His word: do your part and receive this year all that His heart is longing to give you. E. A. E.

"In whom we have boldness and *access* with confidence through faith in him." C. E. M.

Hosea 12: 3, 4, 6. "By his strength he had power with God. He . . . *prevailed*. Therefore; wait on thy God continually." What for? That, hearing his voice, understanding His will, *you* may prevail, as Israel did, for that which He is laying on your heart, M. L. P.

We are hoping the coming season to see more of the old time revival power in the country districts as in the former years of this work. As soon as we have the men for them, the one hundred tents claimed at the beginning will be forthcoming, within the snowy walls of which, one hundred audiences shall hear the unadulterated gospel. F. W. S.

God wants His people going out to feed the many hungry, starving ones of Christ's flock, this year. Zech. 11: 4. F. L. R.

Jesus gives the command, "Go *ye* therefore, and teach all nations," and He also gives the promise, "Lo, I am with you *always*." M. S. M.

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." B. L. M.

Jesus is coming! O, how this precious thought makes our hearts to leap as 1898 brings the glad union with Him, just so much nearer. M. E. G.

Be ready to meet the blessed Bridegroom. W. A.

Eccl. 9: 8. "Let thy garments be always white and thy head lack no ointment." F. B. F.

Listen to the Spirit's cry. He is seeking to join God's people together in a spiritual building, which He can fill and illuminate ready for the Coming One. M. E. W.

Be filled with the Spirit, for it is the Spirit that prepares the Bride for Jesus' coming. E. A. D.

Matt. 25: 10. "And they that were ready went in with Him to the marriage:" the great important thought now is, Readiness to meet the Bridegroom. F. A. M.

Let us go out to meet the Bridegroom this year, bearing the fruits of the Spirit, Gal. 5: 22, and adorned, like Rebekah with jewels, with all His gifts mentioned in I Cor. 12. H. K. S.

"The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another." F. L. B.

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